

## THE DISCIPLES ARE ANGRY WITH EACH OTHER

One day when Jesus was sitting alone, two of his disciples, James and John, came up to him. They were brothers! They said to Jesus, "Teacher, we want you to do something for us."

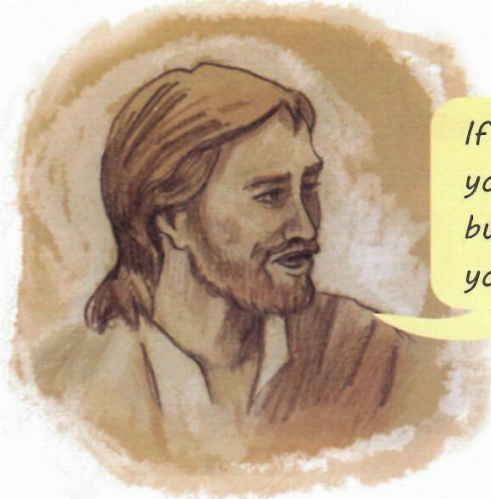
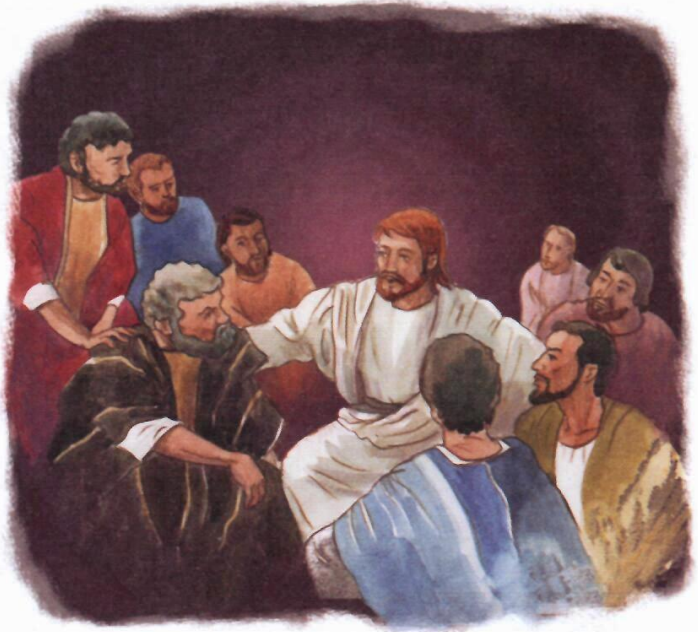
"What do you want me to do?"

"We want you to promise that when you become a king, you will let us sit on your right and your left, in the most important places."

But Jesus said, "Sorry, I can't promise you such a thing."

Somehow the other ten disciples heard about what had happened. They got angry with the brothers. Maybe they also secretly wanted the important places. They began to think, "I am from a good family. I deserve the best place." "I am the eldest. I should be given respect, rather than those two young fellows."

Soon everyone began to feel irritated and angry with each other. When Jesus saw this, he was sad. He called the twelve together and made them sit down. He knew what was going on in their hearts. He said, "Don't be angry and don't let these thoughts spoil your friendship. Be like me! If you really want to be great, be humble and serve each other."

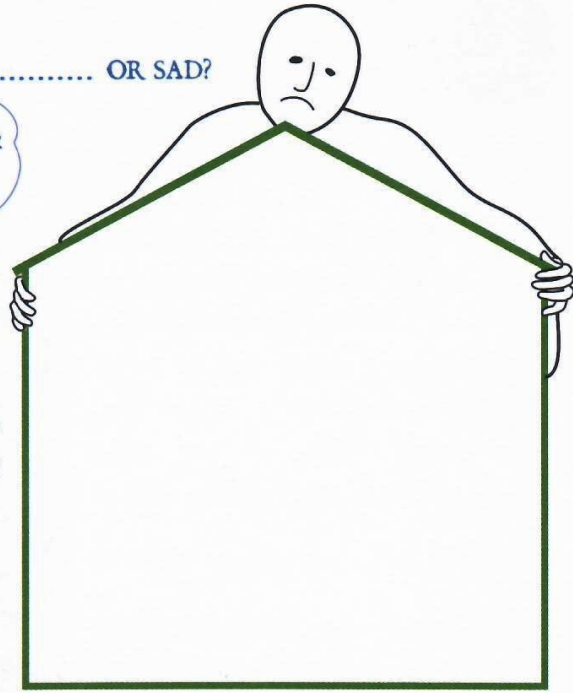
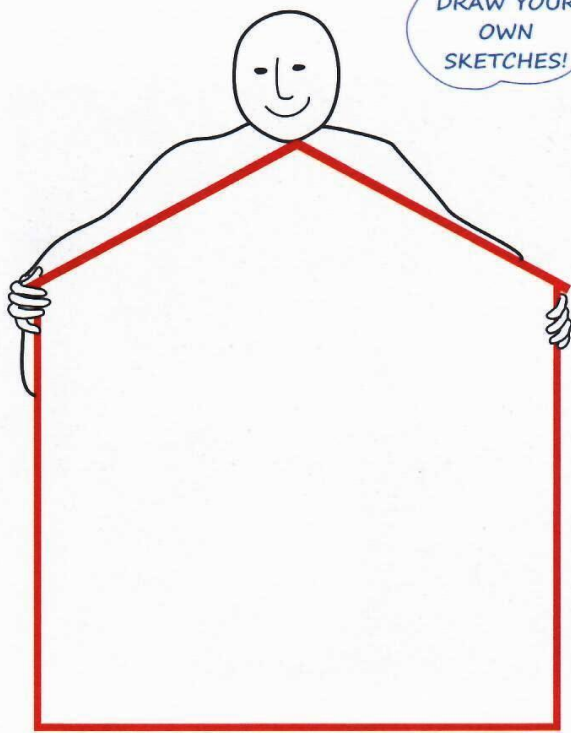


After Jesus taught the 'Our Father' he said:

*If you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.*

**THIS IS BECAUSE, WHEN WE CLOSE OUR HEARTS TO OTHERS, GOD'S FORGIVENESS CANNOT ENTER IN!**

WHAT KIND OF FAMILY MAKES OUR HEAVENLY FATHER HAPPY? ..... OR SAD?



At Mass, we make a sign of peace to each other. When we do this we should offer peace in our hearts to anyone we are angry with. This will make our Heavenly Father very happy.



I .....  
have done that!

I'm  
.....!

.....  
forgive me!



It's .....

I .....  
you!

I'm also sorry  
for .....  
you!

**FAMILY TIME**

**READ** : Matthew 5:23-24

**SHARE** : What did God say to you through this reading?

**PRAY** : Ask God to help you make friends with those you are angry with.

**DO** : Write sorry notes to each other in the family.

Yes, done! \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Q&A**

**Q:** If we refuse to forgive others, does God forgive us?

**A:** No. His forgiveness cannot enter our closed hearts.